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On the Miſcarriage of our Deſcent in Languedoc, *and the Joy of the Faction upon it. Inſtances of their Atheiſm and Hypocriſy. They are chargeable with all the Blood and Treaſure that is to be ſpent henceforward in carrying on the War. The* Paris Gazette's *Account of our Affairs, and the Hopes of that Court from the Party, and the Changes they puſh on. The Jacobites can be Republicans, or any thing, to ſerve a Turn. Inſtances of it. Our Tory Addreſſers more for Arbitrary Schemes than the compounding Jacobites in Parliament and elſewhere, that were for reſtoring K.* James, *as appears by Captain* Smith's *Memoirs.*

From Saturday, Auguſt 5. to Wedneſday, Auguſt 9. 1710.

Countrym. I Am ſorry to find, Maſter, by the laſt News from *France*, that our Deſcent upon the Coaſt of *Languedoc* has had no better Succeſs, and that we have been ſo ſoon oblig'd to quit our Footing in that Country. It grieves me ſo much the more, becauſe our High-Church Party rejoice at it, and look on it as a Declaration from Heaven on their ſide againſt our Government, for offering to encourage Subjects to take up Arms againſt their Sovereign.

Obſ. I know no reaſon why our Tories ſhould boaſt of a better Correſpondence with Heaven than other Folks, *Roger*, or think themſelves more entitled to its Protection. Their Converſation gives no great Credit to their Plea; for tho they are pleas'd to make a loud Outcry againſt Atheiſtical Principles and Practices in others, 'tis apparent no body is more guilty of both than themſelves. Their Rebellions and Dammee Imprecations, inſtead of Prayers to hallow them; their Debauches at *Cirenceſter*, &c. their Mobs, Riots, and ſeditious Parade thro the Country, with their *Kiſſing Harry*, in contempt of the Juſtice of the Nation; their thanking God in the Fifth of *November* Office for bringing over King *William* on that day, to reſcue us from Popiſh Tyranny and Arbitrary Power, and making all Oppoſition fall before him till he became our King and Governour; and their Endeavours at the ſame time to caſt black and odious Colours upon the Revolution, and the Means which were us'd to effect it, by preaching up the Unlawfulneſs of reſiſting Princes on any pretence whatſoever; are ſuch plain and flagrant Proofs of Atheiſm and Hypocriſy, as never any Party in the world gave greater. Beſides, *Roger*, if we were to meaſure the Juſtice of a Cauſe by its Succeſs only, their own Argument is againſt 'em: for no body can deny that we have reduc'd the Exorbitant Power of *Lewis* XIV. to a very low pitch, tho we have all along had his own Subjects in our Armys againſt him, and he the Concurrence of our late Hereditary King or his pretended Son againſt us. So that even in that reſpect we have the better of the Argument. Then as to the Deſcent in *Languedoc*, it appears by our laſt that we had no great Expectations from it; and the Reaſons we then gave are not much for the honour of our Tories. They have given the *French* Court ſuch occaſions to boaſt of the Prevalency of their Counſels, Principles, and Meaſures among us, and to publiſh the ſame in their Gazettes, that we had reaſon to conclude the *Cevennois* would be ſo diſpirited as not to join us. The Event has ſoon ſhew'd we were in the right; for we have not heard that any of theſe People join'd our Troops, tho they were nearer by half to have done it, than the Duke *de Noailles* was to march againſt us. However, *Roger*, the Attempt was noble, and ſhews what we are capable of doing by Sea as well as Land, did not the Conduct of our Tories always diſappoint our Meaſures, as they have evidently done at this time: So that the Miſcarriage of this Deſign, as well as the breaking off the Peace, and all the Blood and Treaſure we muſt now expend for carrying on the War henceforward, ought to be charg'd to their account. This I hope will be conſider'd by the Parliament when it meets, whether it be old or new; and that care will be taken to ſubdue the *French* Faction at home, ſince they make it their buſineſs to put a ſtop to our Progreſs abroad.

Countrym. I think there's very great reaſon for it; ſince it appears more and more every day by the *Paris Gazette*, how much the *French* Court depends upon that Party, and the Confuſions they have rais'd among us. An honeſt Gentleman gave me the Tranſlation of the *London* Paragraph in the laſt *Paris Gazette*; which I think ſo full to the purpoſe, Maſter, that I will read it you as follows.

'*London*, July 25. 1710. We have freſh Aſſu-
'rances that there will ſpeedily be great Changes
'at Court and in the Poſts of State; and alſo
'that the Parliament will be diſſolv'd, and ano-
'ther call'd, tho the Sieur *de Weyberg*, Envoy of
'*Holland*, has given himſelf a great deal of trou-
'ble to hinder it, as well as the Whigs or Repub-
'licans, who begin to loſe hopes of ſucceeding in
'it. The Office of Treaſurer of *Ireland*, which
'was poſſeſs'd by my Lord *Coningsby*, and worth
'6000 *l.* Sterling *per ann.* has been given to the
'E. of *A.* who is one of the Rigid or High-
'Church Party; and Mr *Prior*, formerly Secre-
'tary to the Embaſſy in *France*, is made one of
'the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations in
'the place of the E. of *Dartmouth*, now Secretary
'of State. My Lord *Wharton*, Viceroy of *Ire-*
'*land*, is order'd to come and ſtay here, till it be
'thought fit to ſend him back; and there's a Re-
'port that the ſaid Lieutenancy will again be given
'to the D. of *O.* There's alſo a Diſcourſe of a
'ſpeedy Change in the Lieutenancy of the City,
'and in the Countys; which will occaſion great
'alterations in the Elections of Members for the
'Houſe of Commons. We have Advice that
'Dr. *Sacheverel* having gone to take poſſeſſion of a
'ſecond Benefice given him, continu'd to be re-
'ceiv'd with extraordinary Honours in the places
'thro which he paſs'd; and that going to *Shrew-*
'*bury* on the 14th, 6000 Men met him on horſe-
'back, and gave him a magnificent Treat: and
'that he had the like Reception at *Bridgnorth* and
'other places ——— Since the laſt News from
'*Holland* that the Negotiations of Peace were
'broke off, the Bank Stock and that of the *Eaſt-*

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'*India* Company have fallen conſiderably.' Pray, Maſter, give me your Remarks upon this Paragraph.

Obſ. The Field is large enough, *Roger*, but we muſt be ſhort. I have obſerv'd ſeveral times already that all our *Greggs* are not yet hang'd, otherwiſe the *French* Court would not have ſuch News, nor ſuch falſe Repreſentations of Perſons and Things to put in their Gazettes. We may eaſily perceive what Opinion they have of the Conduct of our High Church Party, how much they rely upon them, and how grateful the Changes which they are ſo fond of would be to them. 'Tis plain, that by the meaſures of the Party, the *French* Court is not only in hopes of Confuſion among us at home, but of breaking us with our chief Allies abroad. ſince they repreſent the *Dutch* as making ſuch Efforts to hinder the Diſſolution of our Parliament, and that they are like to be balk'd in it. We may alſo ſee the Malice and Falſhood of the *French* Court, and how they copy after our Tory-Addreſſes, in calling the Whigs *Republicans*, tho they diſown both the Name and Thing, and declare by their Practice, as well as by their Words, that they are for preſerving our happy Conſtitution of a limited Monarchy by Queen, Lords and Commons. Whereas we all know very well, that the Tories at the Revolution were for a Regency, to adminiſter in King *James*'s Name, which look'd more like a Republick than any thing ever the Whigs attempted: for that would perfectly have made the Prince a Doge of *Venice*, and left him only the Shadow, but nothing of the Subſtance of Royal Power. It appears likewiſe by Capt. *Smith*'s *Memoirs of Secret Service, offer'd to the Houſe of Commons in* 1694. that even our more moderate Jacobites were for a Scheme much of the ſame nature, and for having Truſtees to oblige that unhappy Prince to the performance of his Declaration, and therefore were call'd *Compounders*. The ſame Gentleman gives us an account, that the *French* King perſuaded King *James* to accept the Propoſal, and to ſign that Declaration (much againſt his own Mind) as the moſt probable Method of being reſtor'd, *Memoirs*, *pag.* 36. This is a plain proof, *Roger*, that our High Church Party can be Republicans, or any thing elſe that will ſerve their turn; and that they can ſwear to a King or Queen *de facto*, whom they believe they have a Right to turn out *de jure*: For the ſame Author tells us, there were many Compounders then in Parliament, *pag.* 40. and every one knows they could not come there without taking the Oaths to King *William* and Queen *Mary*. That they were Men of very large and pliable Conſciences, appears by what the Gentleman ſays in the ſame Page, *viz.* That if the Invaſion and Aſſaſſination-Plot, which he then diſcover'd, came to be taken notice of in Parliament, it would give a thorow Check to all the Deſigns of the Jacobites; *and then the compounding Party would be as zealous as any, that they might not be queſtion'd.* I heartily wiſh, *Roger*, that ſome of thoſe who are ſo violent for diſſolving the preſent Parliament, who acquaint the *French* Court with their Hopes of Succeſs in it, and the Deſpair of the *Dutch* and the Whigs, mayn't be for filling the Houſe with ſuch Compounders.

Countrym. Bleſs me, Maſter! where has that Book lain dormant all this while, that you never talk'd of it before? That's an odd Story, and very well worth reading at this time of day. At this rate our Tory-Addreſſers have quite outrun the Conſtable, they have gone beyond the Jacobite Compounders, and the *French* King too in their arbitrary Schemes; for inſtead of compounding, they have thrown up all, and declare for Loyalty without Bounds, Obedience without Reſerve, Limitation, or Reſtriction, and are for having Kings be accountable to none but God and their own Conſciences; whereas thoſe Compounders were for having K. *James* accountable to Truſtees.

Obſ. Ay, but *Roger*, it was to High-Church Truſtees; for they have a Right to call Kings to an Account, their Nature may lawfully rebel againſt Principle; they have a Clauſe in their Charter, which impowers them, under the Auſpices of *Kiſſing Harry*, to raiſe Tumults, and diſplay Banners, Flags and Streamers againſt the Queen and Parliament, for Paſſive-Obedience and Non-Reſiſtance; they have a Privilege to aſſault the Members of both Houſes in the Streets, and to raiſe Fire in the City by Night or by Day, to pull down our Bank, and to rob us of our Credit, without fear of being hang'd for High Treaſon: What's Rebellion in others, is Loyalty in them. But enough of this at preſent, *Roger*.

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